Voluntary Retirement Scheme in Public Sector Undertakings

5719. SHRI CHINNASAMY SRINIVASAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether voluntary retirement scheme introduced by the Union Government for employees of Public Sector Undertakings has met with great success; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) and (b). Information received from 166 PSEs indicates 64 of them had adopted Voluntary Retirement Scheme. 15882 employees have availed of the benefit of Voluntary Retirement Scheme in these PSEs.

Sales Turnover of I.D.P.L.

5720. DR. ASIM BALA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total sales turnover and the losses incurred by the Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited (IDPL) during 1990-91;

(b) the inventory of finished goods that have been piled up till March 31, 1991;

(c) the number of selling stock items converted into physician samples during 1989-90 and 1990-91, item-wise and value-wise and the reasons for such conversion; and

(d) the reasons for the losses and the remedial action proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) The total sales turnover of Indian Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Ltd. during 1990-91 was Rs. 170.05 crores (provisional). The loss during the year 1990-91 was Rs. 81.99 crores (provisional).

(b) The value of finished goods inventory as on 31.3.91 was Rs. 30.21 crores.

(c) The details of conversion of selling stocks/items into physician samples are maintained at various regional offices of IDPL. The information for the years 1989-90 and 1990-91 is not readily available.

(d) The major reasons for losses of IDPL are low capacity utilisation, high wage bill, obsolescence in technology, high interest burden and fixed costs, non-availability of raw materials/packaging materials, and the constraints of working capital. The package for rehabilitation of IDPL would involve stepping up of capacity utilisation, emphasis on exports, higher sales in the trade as well as institutional markets, reduction in costs by increasing efficiencies and savings on services and utilities, improvement in the system of collection of outstanding dues, introduction of Voluntary Retirement Scheme, etc.

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Project of Rajasthan/Haryana Pending for Clearance

5721. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the various projects/schemes of Rajasthan and Haryana pending with the Union Government for approval and since when each of them has been pending; and

(b) the action taken by the Union Government in this regard and the time by which